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SUBJECT: PAN-AM PROPOSAL FOR REVISION OF EXCESS BAGGAGE
CHARGES

REF: (A) STATE AIRGRAM A-0478 DATED 9 FEB 1978 (B) ABIDJAN
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1. REF A TRANSMITTED PAN AM PROPOSAL, AND THE DEPARTMENT'S
ENDORSEMENT, TO ASSESS EXCESS BAGGAGE OVER TWO PIECES TO
OR FROM POINTS IN AFRICA AT 400 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT
APPLICABLE CHARGES. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE
AMOUNT OF EXCESS BAGGAGE PRESENTED AT CHECK-IN TIME.

2. SINCE TSOS TRAVELING IN WEST AFRICA ARE OFTEN
CARRYING SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC POUCHES AS EXCESS BAGGAGE,
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROPOSAL WILL CAUSE A SIGNIFICANT
INCREASE OF EXCESS BAGGAGE COSTS ON PAN AM FLIGHTS.
FOR ONE PERSON TRAVELING ABIDJAN-DAKAR WITH SIX POUCHES
WEIGHING 15 KG EACH, THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE OF
200 PERCENT (AN INCREASE OF 440 DOLLARS).

3. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS TO BE
IMPLEMENTED IN AFRICA, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A SPECIAL
RATE BE NEGOTIATED WITH PAN AM FOR DIPLOMATIC
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POUCHES. OTHERWISE, THE FLY AMERICA PROGRAM IS
GOING TO BE VERY EXPENSIVE. PERHAPS OC HAS ALREADY
RESOLVED THIS PROBLEM FOR THE PROFESSIONAL COURIERS
AND CAN EXTEND THE SOLUTION TO SY OPERATIONS.
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